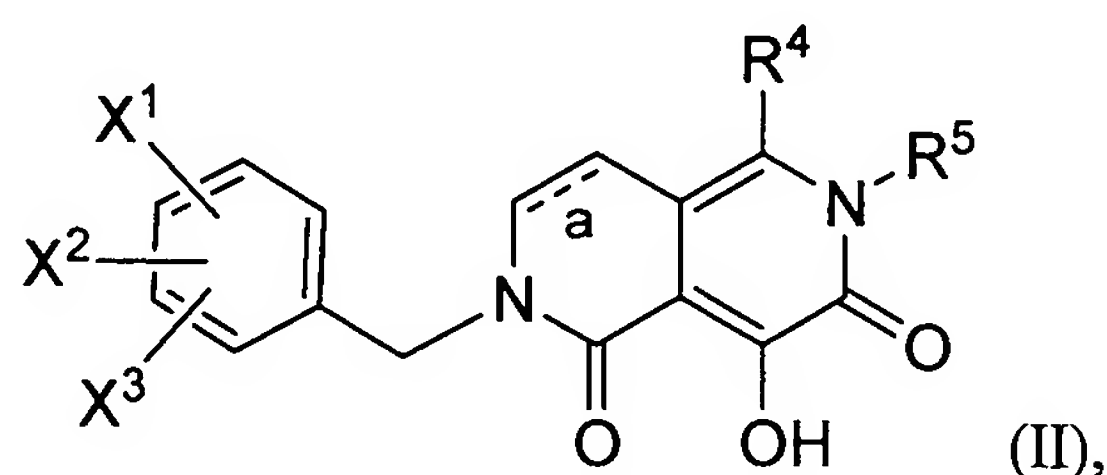


IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims which follows replaces any and all prior versions and/or listings of the claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 20, which is a compound of Formula II, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond or a double bond;

X¹ and X² are each independently:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -OH
- (4) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (5) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
- (6) -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
- (7) halogen,
- (8) -CN,
- (9) -N(R^a)R^b,
- (10) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (11) -SR^a,
- (12) -S(O)R^a,
- (13) SO₂R^a,
- (14) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
- (15) -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
- (16) -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b,
- (17) -N(R^a)C(=O)-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (18) -HetA,
- (19) -C(=O)-HetA, or
- (20) HetB;

wherein each HetA is independently a C₄₋₅ azacycloalkyl or a C₃₋₄ diazacycloalkyl, either of which is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently oxo or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and with the proviso that when HetA is attached to the rest of the compound via the -C(=O)- moiety, the HetA is attached to the -C(=O)- via a ring N atom; and

each HetB is independently a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, or hydroxy;

or alternatively X¹ and X² are respectively located on adjacent carbons in the phenyl ring and together form methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy;

X³ is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (4) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
- (5) -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, or
- (6) halogen;

R⁴ is:

- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) -CO₂R^a,
- (3) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (4) -C(=O)-N(R^a)-(CH₂)₂₋₃-OR^b,
- (5) -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b,
- (6) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
- (7) -C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CF₃, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -OCF₃,
- (8) -HetK,
- (9) -C(=O)-HetK,
- (10) -C(=O)N(R^a)-HetK,

- (11) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ra})-(\text{CH}_2)_{0-2}-(\text{C}_{3-6} \text{ cycloalkyl})$, wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, $-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, or $-\text{OCF}_3$, or
- (12) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ra})-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently $-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, or halogen;
- (13) $-\text{HetL}$,
- (14) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ra})\text{R}^c$, or
- (15) halogen;

wherein HetK is a 5- or 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing a total of from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 to 4 N atoms, from 0 to 2 O atoms, and from 0 to 2 S atoms, wherein the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with (i) from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently $-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, oxo, halogen, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ra})\text{R}^b$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ra})\text{R}^b$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{Ra}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Ra}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{Ra}$, or $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{Ra})\text{R}^b$ and (ii) from zero to 1 $\text{C}_{3-6} \text{ cycloalkyl}$; and with the proviso that when HetK is attached to the rest of the compound via the $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ moiety, the HetK is attached to the $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ via a ring N atom;

wherein HetL is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently $-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$ or $-\text{OH}$;

R⁵ is:

- (1) $-\text{H}$,
- (2) $-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$,
- (3) $-\text{C}_{3-6} \text{ cycloalkyl}$,
- (4) $-(\text{CH}_2)_{1-2}-\text{C}_{3-6} \text{ cycloalkyl}$,
- (5) $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$ wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, $\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ haloalkyl}$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, or $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ haloalkyl}$,
- (6) $-(\text{CH}_2)_{1-2}\text{-HetD}$, wherein HetD is a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 2 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 to 2 N atoms, from zero to 1 O atom and from zero to 1 S atom, wherein the heterocyclic ring is attached to the rest of the molecule via a ring N atom, and the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently

- C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, oxo,
-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -SO₂R^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
- (7) phenyl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -OH, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -SO₂R^a, -N(R^a)C(=O)-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, -C(=O)N(R^d)R^e, or -SO₂N(R^d)R^e;
- (8) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, or -OH,
- (9) C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CN, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -SO₂R^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, or
- (10) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl;

each R^a is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

each R^b is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^c is C₁₋₆ haloalkyl or C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -CO₂R^a, -SO₂R^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, or N(R^a)R^b; and

each R^d and R^e are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are attached form a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing a heteroatom in addition to the nitrogen attached to R^d and R^e selected from N, O, and S, wherein the S is optionally oxidized to S(O) or S(O)₂, and wherein the saturated heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OH, oxo, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -SO₂R^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b.

2. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond;

X¹ and X² are each independently:

- (1) -H,

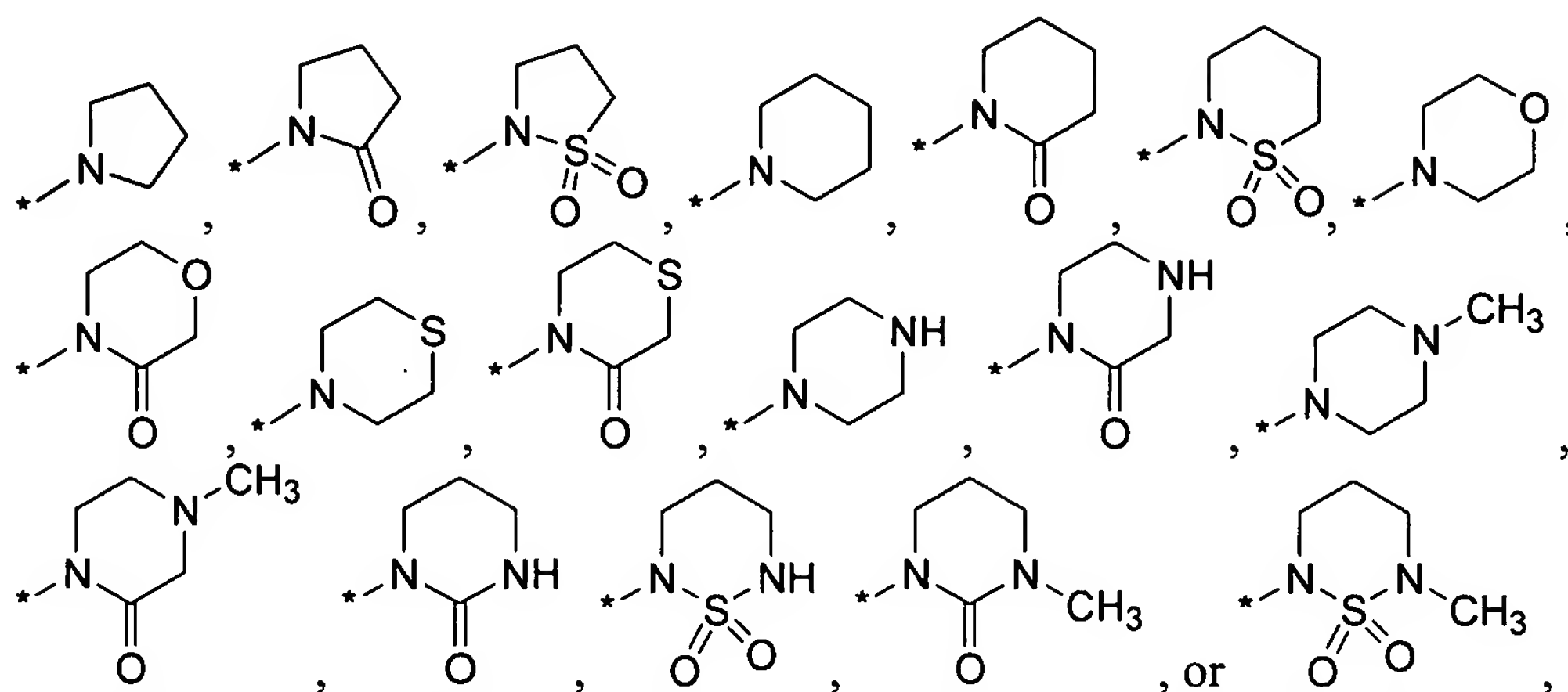
- (2) -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) -C₁₋₄ haloalkyl,
- (4) -OH,
- (5) -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (6) halogen,
- (7) -CN,
- (8) -C(=O)NH₂,
- (9) -C(=O)NH(-C₁₋₄ alkyl),
- (10) -C(=O)N(-C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, or
- (11) -SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl;

or alternatively X¹ and X² are respectively located on adjacent carbons in the phenyl ring and together form methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy;

X³ is -H, halogen, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl;

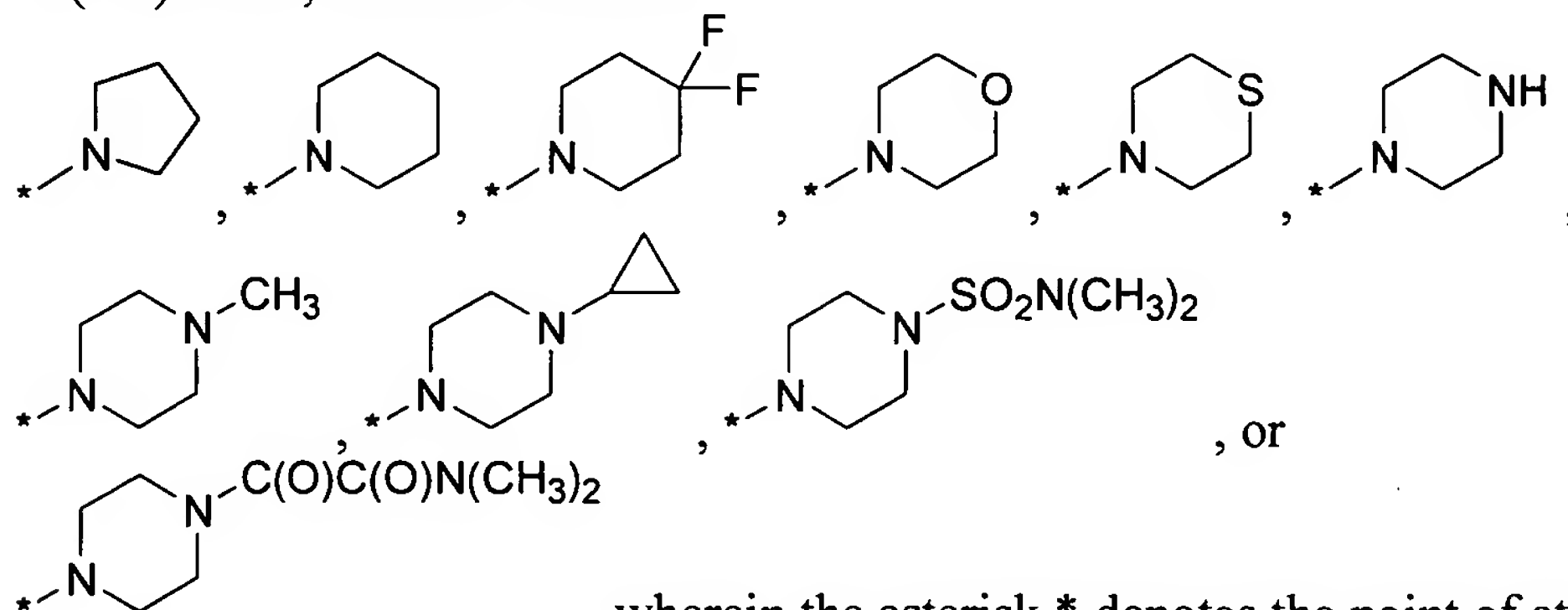
R⁴ is:

- (1) -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (2) -CO₂H,
- (3) -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (4) -C(=O)NH₂,
- (5) -C(=O)NH-C₁₋₅ alkyl,
- (6) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (7) -C(=O)-NH-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (8) -C(=O)-N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (9) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (10) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (11) -NHSO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (12) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (13) -C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl,
- (14) -HetK wherein HetK is:



wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (15) -C(=O)-HetK, wherein HetK is:



wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (16) -C(=O)NH-HetK or -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-HetK, wherein HetK is a saturated heterocyclic selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, and thiomorpholinyl, wherein the saturated heterocyclic is optionally substituted with from 1 to 2 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₄ alkyl, SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -SO₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (17) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (18) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (19) -C(=O)NH-CH₂-phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, -CF₃, -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -OCF₃,
- (20) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-CH₂-phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, -CF₃, -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -OCF₃,
- (21) -HetL, wherein HetL is a heteroaromatic ring which is pyrrolyl, thienyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, or pyrazinyl, wherein the

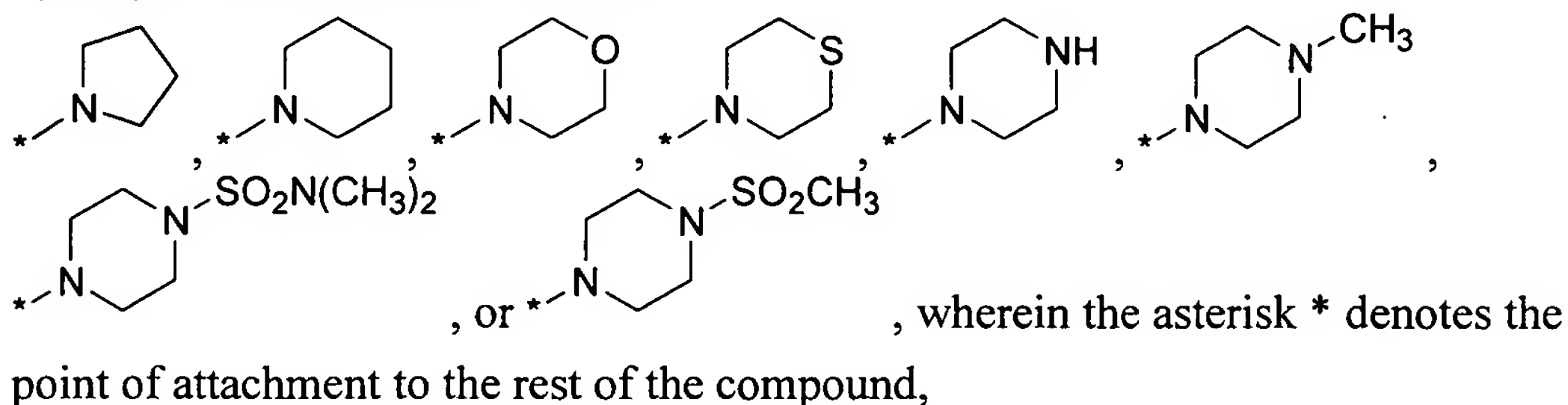
heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen or -C₁₋₄ alkyl,

- (22) -C(O)N(H)-C₁₋₄ haloalkyl,
- (23) -C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-C₁₋₄ haloalkyl,
- (24) -C(O)N(H)-(CH₂)₁₋₂SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (25) -C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₁₋₂SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (26) -C(O)N(H)-(CH₂)₁₋₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (27) -C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₁₋₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, or
- (28) -Cl or -Br; and

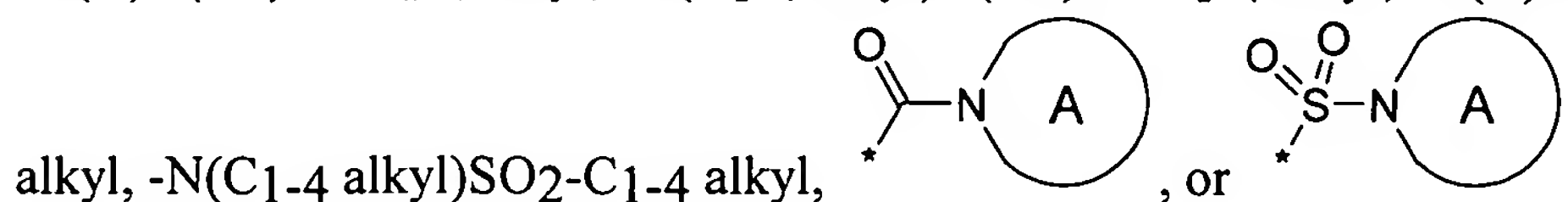
R⁵ is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) -C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl,
- (4) -CH₂-C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl,
- (5) -CH₂-phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, -CF₃, -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -OCF₃,

- (6) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-HetD, wherein HetD is:



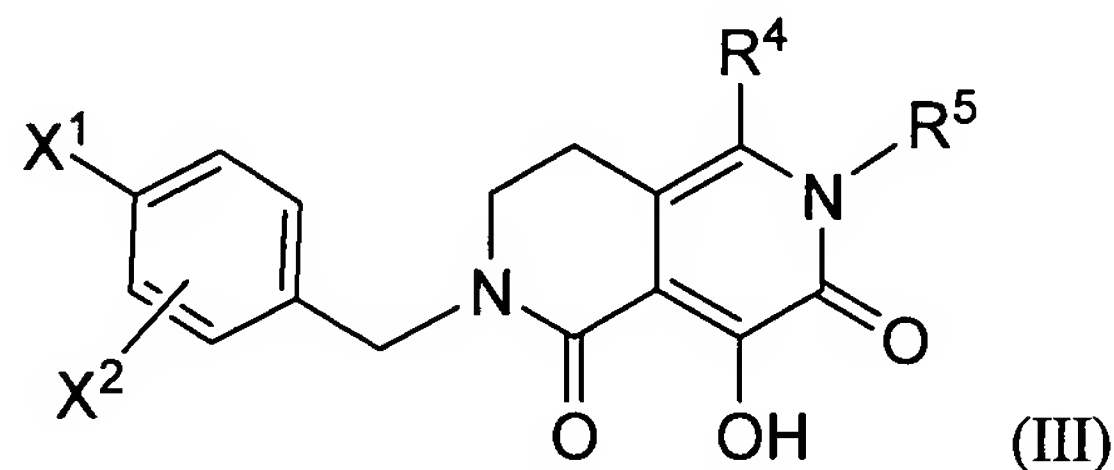
- (7) phenyl which is optionally substituted with -C₁₋₄ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -CF₃, -OCF₃, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)N(H)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂N(H)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -SO₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -N(H)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(H)C(=O)-CF₃, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-CF₃, -N(H)C(=O)N(H)C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)N(H)C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(H)C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -N(H)C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(H)SO₂-C₁₋₄



wherein ring A is pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, or piperazinyl optionally substituted on the other ring nitrogen with methyl or SO₂-CH₃,

- (8) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring which is pyrrolyl, thienyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, or pyrazinyl, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 2 substituents each of which is independently halogen or -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (9) C₁₋₄ alkyl substituted with -O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -CN, -NH₂, -N(H)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)N(H)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, -C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂N(H)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or -SO₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂, or
- (10) -C₁₋₄ fluoroalkyl.

3. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which is a compound of Formula III:



wherein:

X¹ is:

- (1) -H,
(2) bromo,
(3) chloro,
(4) fluoro, or
(5) methoxy;

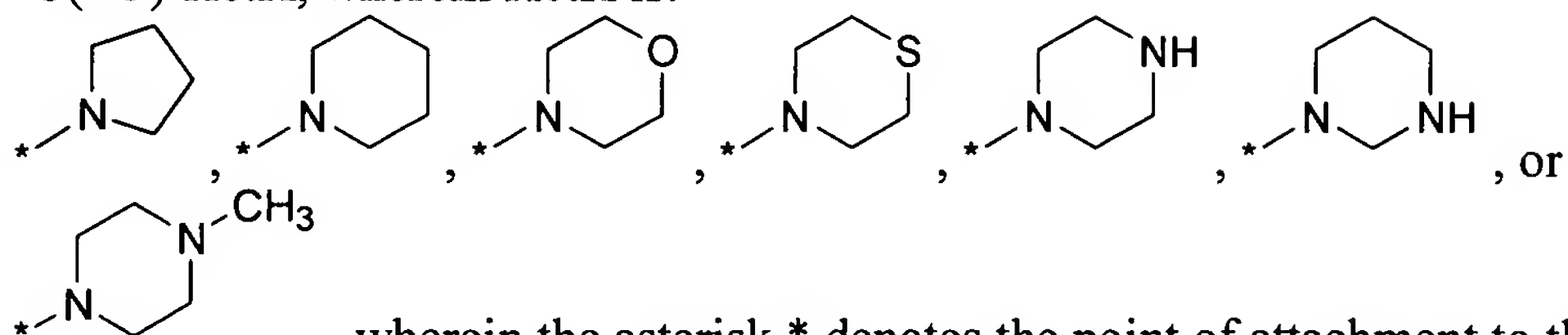
X² is:

- (1) -H,
(2) bromo,
(3) chloro,
(4) fluoro,

- (5) methoxy,
- (6) -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (7) -CF₃,
- (8) -OCF₃,
- (9) -CN, or
- (10) -SO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl);

R⁴ is:

- (1) -CO₂H,
- (2) -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) -C(=O)NH₂,
- (4) -C(=O)NH-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (5) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (6) -C(=O)-NH-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (7) -C(=O)-N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (8) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (9) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (10) -NHSO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (11) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (12) -C(=O)-HetK, wherein HetK is:



, wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (13) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (14) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (15) -C(=O)NH-CH₂-phenyl, or
- (16) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-CH₂-phenyl; and

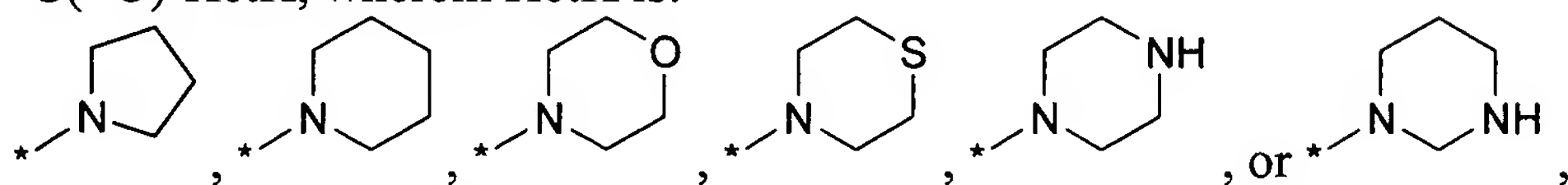
R⁵ is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) cyclopropyl,
- (4) cyclobutyl,

- (5) -CH₂-cyclopropyl,
- (6) -CH₂-cyclobutyl, or
- (7) -CH₂-phenyl.

4. (original) The compound according to claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R⁴ is:

- (1) -CO₂H,
- (2) -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) -C(=O)NH₂,
- (4) -C(=O)NH-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (5) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (6) -C(=O)-NH-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (7) -C(=O)-N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (8) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (9) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (10) -NHSO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (11) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (12) -C(=O)-HetK, wherein HetK is:



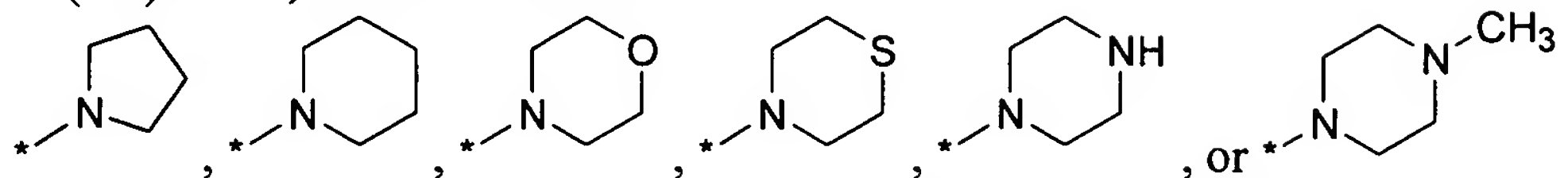
wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (13) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (14) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (15) -C(=O)NH-CH₂-phenyl, or
- (16) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-CH₂-phenyl.

5. (original) The compound according to claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R⁴ is:

- (1) -CO₂H,
- (2) -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (3) -C(=O)NH₂,
- (4) -C(=O)NH-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (5) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂,
- (6) -C(=O)-NH-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (7) -C(=O)-N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₂₋₃-O-C₁₋₄ alkyl,

- (8) -NHC(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (9) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (10) -NHSO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (11) -N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)SO₂-C₁₋₄ alkyl,
- (12) -C(=O)-HetK, wherein HetK is:



wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (13) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (14) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl),
- (15) -C(=O)NH-CH₂-phenyl, or
- (16) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)-CH₂-phenyl.

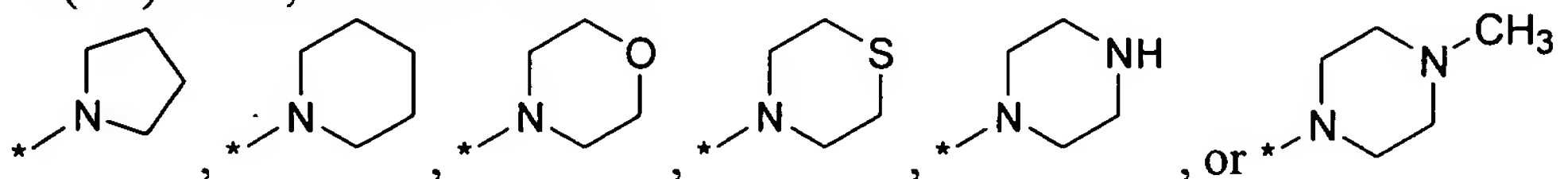
6. (original) The compound according to claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X¹ is fluoro;

X² is -H or chloro;

R⁴ is:

- (1) -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (2) -C(=O)NH-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (3) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)₂,
- (4) -C(=O)-N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)-(CH₂)₂-O-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (5) -N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)C(=O)-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (6) -N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)SO₂-C₁₋₃ alkyl,
- (7) -C(=O)-HetK, wherein HetK is:



wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (8) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(cyclopropyl),
- (9) -C(=O)NH-(CH₂)₀₋₁-(cyclobutyl),
- (10) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-cyclopropyl,
- (11) -C(=O)N(C₁₋₃ alkyl)-(CH₂)₀₋₁-cyclobutyl,

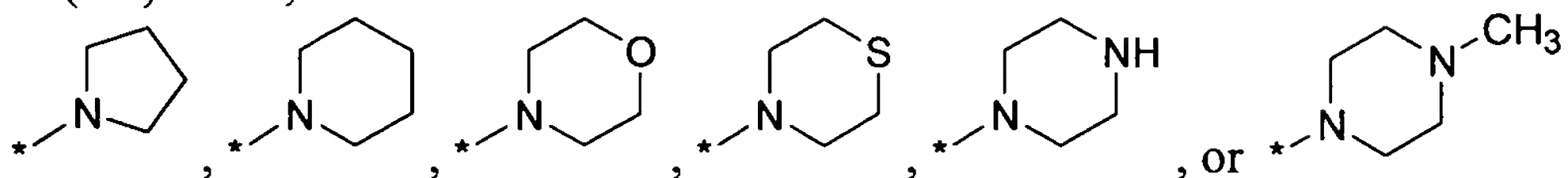
- (12) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, or
(13) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3}\text{ alkyl})-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$; and

R^5 is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl.

7. (original) The compound according to claim 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^4 is:

- (1) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3}\text{ alkyl})_2$,
(2) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{-HetK}$, wherein HetK is:



wherein the asterisk * denotes the point of attachment to the rest of the compound,

- (3) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3}\text{ alkyl})-(\text{CH}_2)_{0-1}\text{-cyclopropyl}$, or
(4) $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-3}\text{ alkyl})-(\text{CH}_2)_{0-1}\text{-cyclobutyl}$; and

R^5 is $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl.

8. (original) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the group consisting of:

methyl 6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3, 5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxylate;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-cyclobutyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-cyclopropyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N*-isopropyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N*-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxylic acid;

N-[6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-*N*-methylethanesulfonamide;

N-[6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-*N*-methylacetamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-isopropyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-isobutyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-cyclobutyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-cyclopropyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N-isopropyl-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-[2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N,6-bis(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-neopentyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-5-(thiomorpholin-4-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-5-(piperazin-1-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

4-{[6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]carbonyl}-N,N-dimethylpiperazine-1-sulfonamide;

2-(4-{[6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]carbonyl}piperazin-1-yl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-isobutyl-N-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-N,N-diethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-[(4-methylpiperazin-4-yl)carbonyl]-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(thiomorpholin-4-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-N-cyclopropyl-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-N-ethyl-4-hydroxy-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N-isopropyl-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-5-[(4,4-difluoropiperidin-1-yl)carbonyl]-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(morpholin-4-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-[(4-cyclopropylpiperazin-4-yl)carbonyl]-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

N,N-diethyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,2-dimethyl-N-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N,6-bis(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N,N-diethyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-N-isobutyl-N-methyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-ethyl-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-N-methyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-N-methyl-5-oxo-N-propyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,4-dihydroxy-N-isopropyl-N-methyl-5-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7,8-dihydroxy-5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)-3,4-dihydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1(2H)-one;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7,8-dihydroxy-5-(morpholin-4-ylcarbonyl)-3,4-dihydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1(2H)-one;

4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-6-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-6-[4-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(1,3-benzodioxol-4-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(2-methoxybenzyl)-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(3-methoxybenzyl)-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(3-methylbenzyl)-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,4-dimethylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2,3-dichlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-6-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluoro-3-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2-bromo-3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(2-methylbenzyl)-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(4-methylbenzyl)-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzyl)-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,5-dichlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-fluoro-4-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2,5-difluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-2-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-chloro-2-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(5-chloro-2-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2-fluoro-3-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(5-fluoro-2-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

4-hydroxy-6-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluoro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-methoxybenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-chloro-3-methylbenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(2-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

8-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-methyl-5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

4-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzyl)-N,2-dimethyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

methyl 6-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxylate;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-phenyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(3-thienyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[methoxycarbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(amino)carbonyl-phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(methylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(ethylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(isopropylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(dimethylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(diethylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)carbonyl]-phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(acetylamino)phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(acetylmethylamino)phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-methyl(trifluoroacetyl)-aminophenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(methylaminocarbonyl)-methylamino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(dimethylaminocarbonyl)-methylamino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(methoxycarbonyl)-amino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(methoxycarbonyl)methyl-amino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[(methylsulfonyl)-amino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-{4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(methylaminosulfonyl)-phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)-phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-phenyl]-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(3-cyanophenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-acetylphenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(cyanomethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(1-cyanoethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2-amino-2-oxoethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2-amino-1-methyl-2-oxoethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(cyclopropylmethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

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6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(cyclohexylmethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

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6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-benzyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-isopropyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-isobutyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(5-chloro-4-fluoro-2-iodobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-isopropyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

6-(5-chloro-4-Fluoro-2-iodobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-2-isobutyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1-carboxamide;

N-[6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-N-methylmethanesulfonamide;

N-[6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-N-methylethanesulfonamide;

N-[6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-isobutyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-N-methylmethanesulfonamide;

N-[6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-isobutyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl]-N-ethylmethanesulfonamide;

6-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,5-dioxo-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydro-2,6-naphthyridin-1-yl nitrile;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

5-bromo-2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

5-bromo-2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-5-ethyl-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-5-cyclopropyl-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-pyridin-3-yl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-pyridin-4-yl-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione; and

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-(2-furyl)-2,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2,6-naphthyridine-1,7-dione.

9. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 20, ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting HIV integrase in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of the compound according to claim 20, ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (currently amended) A method for preventing or treating infection by HIV or for preventing, treating or delaying the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of the compound according to claim 20, ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

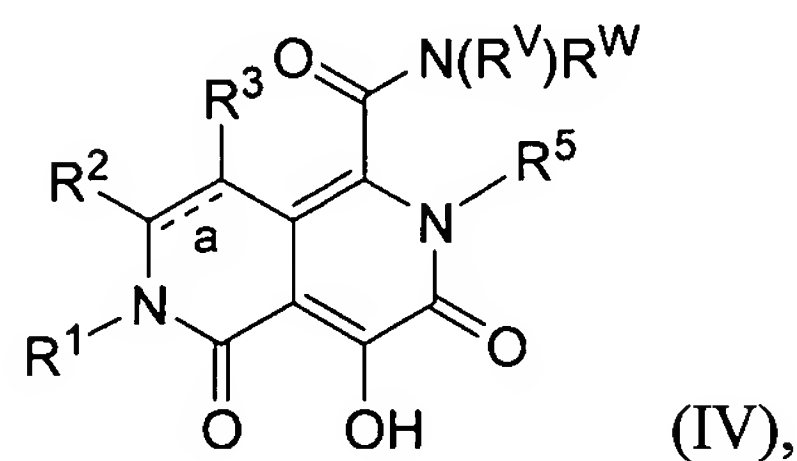
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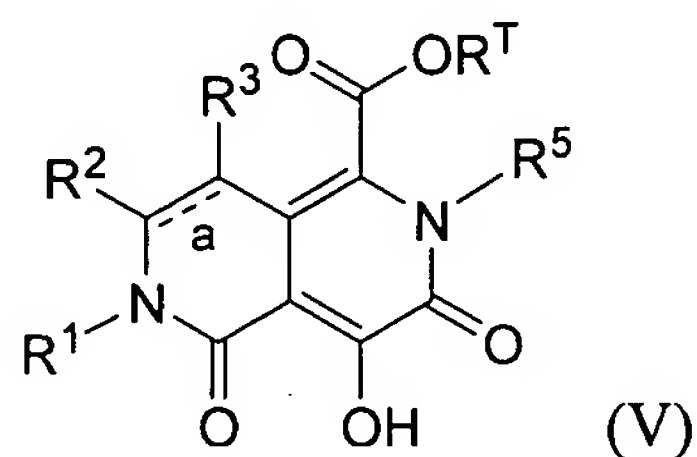
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16. (original) A process for preparing a compound of Formula IV:



which comprises:

(B) contacting a compound of Formula V:



with a Grignard salt of an amine of Formula VI:



to obtain Compound IV; wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond or a double bond;

R¹ is -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with R^J, wherein R^J is:

(A) aryl or aryl fused to a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the aryl or fused aryl is:

(a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently:

(1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, or -S(O)_nR^a,
 - (3) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (4) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (5) halogen,
 - (6) C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or
 - (7) -SO₂R^a, and
- (b) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) phenyl,
 - (2) benzyl, or
 - (3) -HetB;

wherein each HetB is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl; or

- (B) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S; wherein the heteroaromatic ring is
- (i) optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, and
 - (ii) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently aryl or -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl;

R² and R³ are each independently -H or -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R⁵ is:

- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (4) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or halogen, or
- (5) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^T is -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^V and R^W are each independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or R^V and R^W together with the N atom to which they are both attached form a 4- to 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing a heteroatom in addition to the nitrogen attached to R^V and R^W selected from N, O, and S, where the S is optionally oxidized to S(O) or S(O)₂, and wherein the saturated heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

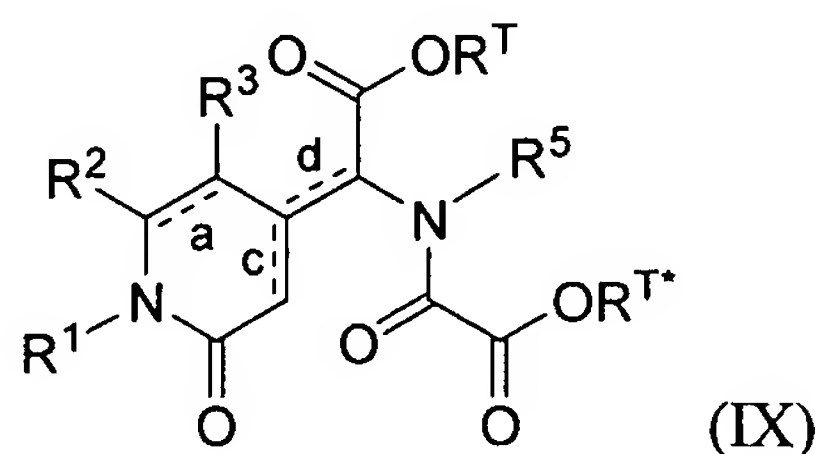
each aryl is independently phenyl, naphthyl, or indenyl;

each R^a is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

each R^b is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl.

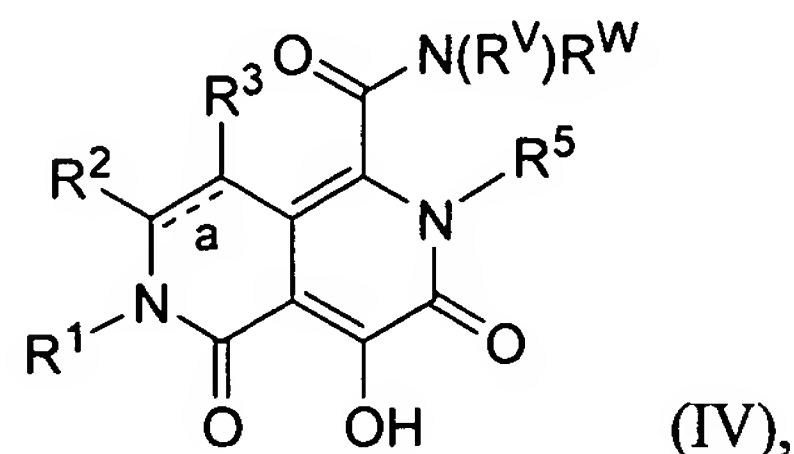
17. (original) The process according to claim 16, wherein the process further comprises:

(A) treating a compound of Formula IX:

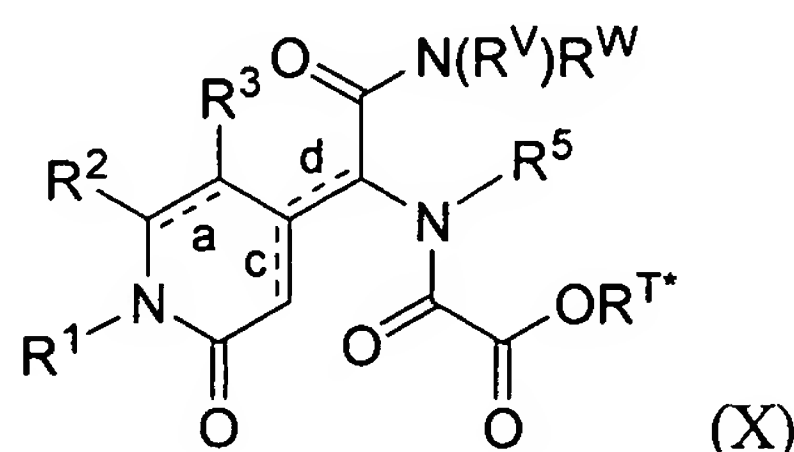


with (i) a tertiary amine base in the presence of a lithium salt or (ii) an alkoxide base, to obtain a compound of Formula V; wherein one of bonds "^c" and "^d" is a single bond and the other is a double bond; and R^{T*} is C₁₋₆ alkyl.

18. (original) A process for preparing a compound of Formula IV:



which comprises treating a compound of Formula X:



with (i) a tertiary amine base in the presence of a lithium salt or (ii) an alkoxide base, to obtain a compound of Formula IV, wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond or a double bond;

R¹ is -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with R^J, wherein R^J is:

- (A) aryl or aryl fused to a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the aryl or fused aryl is:
- (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently:
 - (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, or -S(O)_nR^a,
 - (3) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (4) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (5) halogen,
 - (6) C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or
 - (7) -SO₂R^a, and
 - (b) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:
 - (1) phenyl,

- (2) benzyl, or
- (3) -HetB;

wherein each HetB is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl; or

- (B) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S; wherein the heteroaromatic ring is
 - (i) optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, and
 - (ii) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently aryl or -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl;

R² and R³ are each independently -H or -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R⁵ is:

- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (4) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or halogen, or
- (5) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^V and R^W are each independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or R^V and R^W together with the N atom to which they are both attached form a 4- to 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing a heteroatom in addition to the nitrogen attached to R^V and R^W selected from N, O,

and S, where the S is optionally oxidized to S(O) or S(O)₂, and wherein the saturated heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

each aryl is independently phenyl, naphthyl, or indenyl;

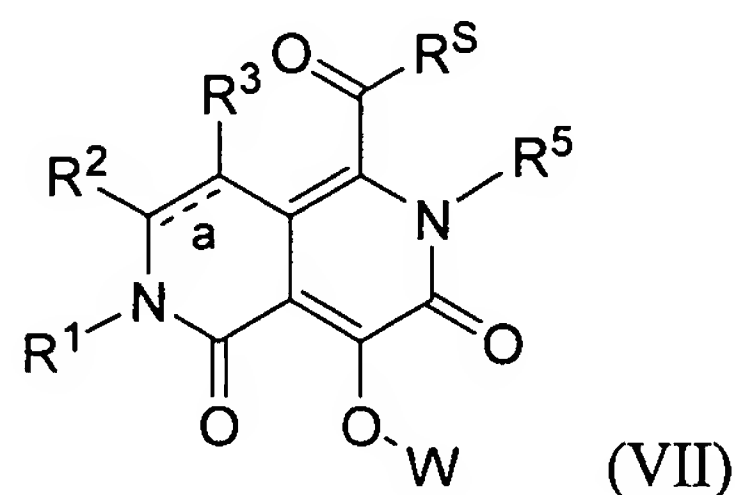
each R^a is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

each R^b is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

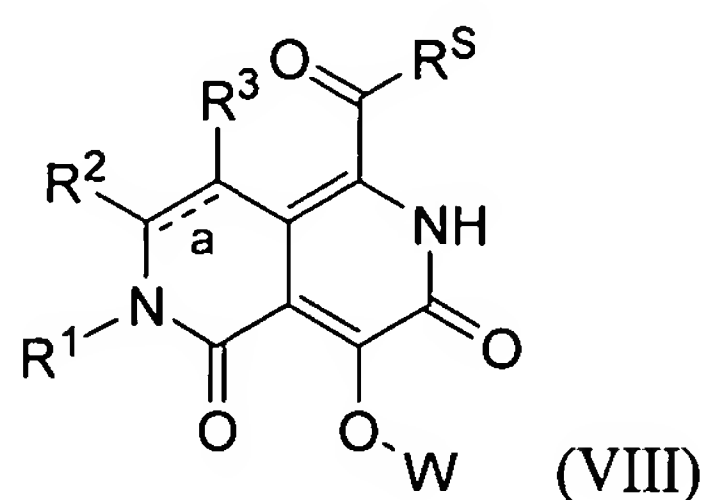
one of bonds " $\overset{c}{\text{---}}$ " and " $\overset{d}{\text{---}}$ " is a single bond and the other is a double bond; and

R^{T*} is C₁₋₆ alkyl.

19. (original) A process for preparing a compound of Formula VII:



which comprises reacting an alkylating agent of formula R⁵-Z with a compound of Formula VIII:



in a polar aprotic solvent and in the presence of a base selected from a magnesium base and a calcium base; wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond or a double bond;

W is -H or -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

Z is halogen or -SO₃-Q wherein Q is (i) C₁-6 alkyl or (ii) phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently a C₁-6 alkyl;

RS is -O-C₁-6 alkyl or N(R^V)R^W wherein R^V and R^W are each independently -C₁-6 alkyl or R^V and R^W together with the N atom to which they are both attached form a 4- to 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing a heteroatom in addition to the nitrogen attached to R^V and R^W selected from N, O, and S, where the S is optionally oxidized to S(O) or S(O)₂, and wherein the saturated heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently a C₁-6 alkyl group;

R¹ is -C₁-6 alkyl substituted with R^J, wherein R^J is:

- (A) aryl or aryl fused to a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the aryl or fused aryl is:
 - (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently:
 - (1) -C₁-6 alkyl optionally substituted with -OH, -O-C₁-6 alkyl, -O-C₁-6 haloalkyl, -CN, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -OC(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (2) -O-C₁-6 alkyl,
 - (3) -C₁-6 haloalkyl,
 - (4) -O-C₁-6 haloalkyl,
 - (5) -OH,
 - (6) halogen,
 - (7) -CN,
 - (8) -NO₂,
 - (9) -N(R^a)R^b,
 - (10) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (11) -C(=O)R^a,
 - (12) -CO₂R^a,
 - (13) -SR^a,
 - (14) -S(=O)R^a,
 - (15) -SO₂R^a,
 - (16) -SO₂N(R^a)R^b,

- (17) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
 - (18) -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
 - (19) -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b,
 - (20) -N(R^a)C(=O)-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or
 - (21) -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, and
- (b) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) phenyl,
 - (2) benzyl,
 - (3) -HetA,
 - (4) -C(=O)-HetA, or
 - (5) -HetB;
- wherein each HetA is independently a C₄-7 azacycloalkyl or a C₃-6 diazacycloalkyl, either of which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently oxo or C₁-6 alkyl; and
- wherein each HetB is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁-6 alkyl, -C₁-6 haloalkyl, -O-C₁-6 alkyl, -O-C₁-6 haloalkyl, or hydroxy; or
- (B) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S; wherein the heteroaromatic ring is
- (i) optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁-6 alkyl, -C₁-6 haloalkyl, -O-C₁-6 alkyl, -O-C₁-6 haloalkyl, or hydroxy, and
 - (ii) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently aryl or -C₁-6 alkyl substituted with aryl;

R² and R³ are each independently -H or -C₁-6 alkyl;

R⁵ is:

- (1) -C₁-6 alkyl,
- (2) -C₃-8 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁-6 alkyl or -O-C₁-6 alkyl,

- (3) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl or -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (4) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, or halogen, or
- (5) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

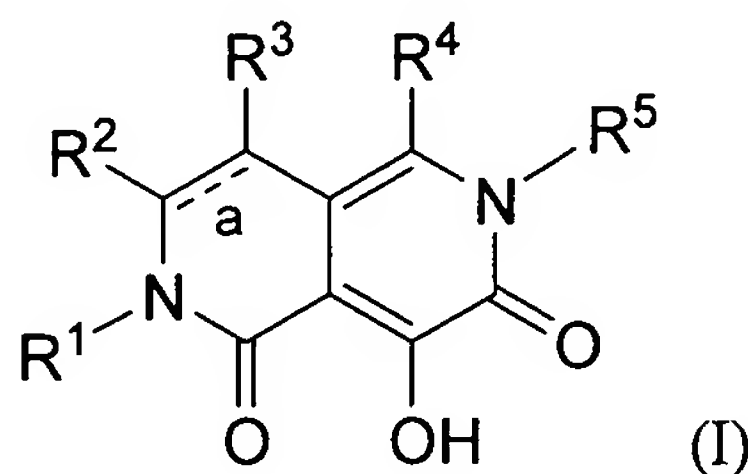
each aryl is independently phenyl, naphthyl, or indenyl;

each R^a is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

each R^b is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

each n is independently an integer equal to zero, 1, or 2.

20. (new) A compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

bond " $\overset{a}{\text{---}}$ " in the ring is a single bond or a double bond;

R¹ is -C₁₋₆ alkyl, R^J, or -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with R^J, wherein R^J is:

- (A) (i) aryl or (ii) aryl fused to a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S or (iii) aryl

substituted on two adjacent ring carbons with alkylenedioxy, wherein the aryl or fused aryl or alkylenedioxy aryl is:

- (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with -OH, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -CN, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -OC(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (2) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (3) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (4) -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (5) -OH,
 - (6) halogen,
 - (7) -CN,
 - (8) -NO₂,
 - (9) -N(R^a)R^b,
 - (10) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (11) -C(=O)R^a,
 - (12) -CO₂R^a,
 - (13) -SR^a,
 - (14) -S(=O)R^a,
 - (15) -SO₂R^a,
 - (16) -SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
 - (17) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
 - (18) -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
 - (19) -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b,
 - (20) -N(R^a)C(=O)-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (21) -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, or
 - (22) -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, and
- (b) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (2) aryl or C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein in either case the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b,
- (3) -HetA,
- (4) -C(=O)-HetA, or
- (5) -HetB;

wherein each HetA is independently a C₄₋₇ azacycloalkyl or a C₃₋₆ diazacycloalkyl, either of which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, oxo, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

wherein each HetB is independently a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b; or

- (B) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is:
- (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) -C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with -OH, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -CN, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -OC(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (2) -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
 - (3) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (4) -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
 - (5) -OH,
 - (6) halogen,
 - (7) -CN,
 - (8) -NO₂,
 - (9) -N(R^a)R^b,
 - (10) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (11) -C(=O)R^a,
 - (12) -CO₂R^a,
 - (13) -SR^a,
 - (14) -S(=O)R^a,
 - (15) -SO₂R^a,
 - (16) -SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
 - (17) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
 - (18) -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
 - (19) -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b,
 - (20) -N(R^a)C(=O)-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
 - (21) -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, or
 - (22) -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, and
- (b) optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:
- (1) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- (2) aryl or C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein in either case the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b,
- (3) -HetA,
- (4) -C(=O)-HetA, or
- (5) -HetB;

wherein HetA and HetB are each independently as defined above;

R² is -H or -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³ independently has the same definition as R⁴, with the proviso that at least one of R³ and R⁴ is -H or -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

or, as an alternative, when bond " $\overset{a}{=}$ " is a double bond, R² and R³ together with the carbon atoms to which each is attached form:

- (i) a benzene ring which is optionally substituted with a total of from 1 to 4 substituents wherein (a) from zero to 4 substituents are each independently one of substituents (1) to (22) as defined in part (A)(a) of the definition of R¹ and (b) from zero to 2 substituents are each independently one of the substituents (1) to (5) as defined in part (A)(b) of the definition of R¹, or
- (ii) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with a total of from 1 to 3 substituents wherein (a) from zero to 3 substituents are each independently one of substituents (1) to (22) as defined in part (B)(a) of the definition of R¹ and (b) from zero to 2 substituents

are each independently one of the substituents (1) to (5) as defined in part (B)(b) of the definition of R¹;

R⁴ is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl,
- (4) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -OH, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -CN, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -C(=O)-N(R^a)-C₁₋₆ alkylene-OR^b with the proviso that the -N(R^a)- moiety and the -OR^b moiety are not both attached to the same carbon of the -C₁₋₆ alkylene- moiety, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)-R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, or -OC(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (5) -C(=O)R^a,
- (6) -CO₂R^a,
- (7) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (8) -C(=O)-N(R^a)-C₁₋₆ alkylene-OR^b with the proviso that the -N(R^a)- moiety and the -OR^b moiety are not both attached to the same carbon of the -C₁₋₆ alkylene-moiety,
- (9) -N(R^a)-C(=O)-R^b,
- (10) -N(R^a)-C(=O)-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (11) -N(R^a)SO₂R^b,
- (12) -N(R^a)SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
- (13) -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (14) -OC(=O)N(R^a)R^b,
- (15) -R^K,
- (16) -C(=O)-R^K,
- (17) -C(=O)N(R^a)-R^K,
- (18) -C(=O)N(R^a)-C₁₋₆ alkylene-R^K,
- (19) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -R^K,
- (20) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -C(=O)-R^K,
- (21) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -C(=O)N(R^a)-R^K,
- (22) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -C(=O)N(R^a)-C₁₋₆ alkylene-R^K,
- (23) -C(=O)N(R^a)R^c,
- (24) -CN,
- (25) halogen,

- (26) -N(R^a)R^b, or
(27) -N(R^a)CO₂R^b;

wherein R^K is

- (i) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (ii) aryl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(=O)R^a, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-CO₂R^a, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)_nR^a, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -OH, halogen, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b,
- (iii) Het^K, which is a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing at least one carbon atom and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heterocyclic ring is:
- (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 6 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b; and
- (b) optionally substituted with:
- (1) C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (2) aryl which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆

alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆
alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆
alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆
alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆
alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆
alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, or

(3) HetC,

wherein HetC is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally fused with a benzene ring, and the optionally fused heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, or

(iv) -HetL, which is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b;

R⁵ is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (3) -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (4) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, C₁₋₆ alkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,
- (5) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with aryl, wherein the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b,
- (6) -C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with HetD, wherein HetD is:
 - (i) a 4- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing at least one carbon atom and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, or -SO₂N(R^a)R^b; or
 - (ii) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, or hydroxy,
- (7) aryl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

- C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(=O)R^a, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-CO₂R^a, -C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)_nR^a, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -OH, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -N(R^a)C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, -N(R^a)S(O)_nR^b, -C(=O)N(R^d)R^e, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, or -SO₂N(R^d)R^e,
- (8) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, CN, NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, OH, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, N(R^a)R^b, C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C(O)R^a, C(O)OR^a, SR^a, S(O)R^a, S(O)₂R^a, S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-CN, C₁₋₆ alkylene-NO₂, C₁₋₆ alkylene-OH, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylene-N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)N(R^a)R^b, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-C(O)OR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-SR^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂R^a, C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)R^b, or C₁₋₆ alkylene-S(O)₂N(R^a)C(O)R^b,
- (9) C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -O-C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -CN, -N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)-R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, or -N(R^a)SO₂R^b, or
- (10) -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl;

each aryl is independently (i) phenyl, (ii) a 9- or 10-membered bicyclic, fused carbocyclic ring system in which at least one ring is aromatic, or (iii) an 11- to 14-membered tricyclic, fused carbocyclic ring system in which at least one ring is aromatic;

each R^a is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

each R^b is independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^c is C₁₋₆ haloalkyl or C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted with -C(=O)N(R^a)R^b, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)-R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, or -N(R^a)SO₂R^b;

each R^d and R^e are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl, or together with the N atom to which they are attached form a 4- to 7-membered saturated or mono-unsaturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing a heteroatom in addition to the nitrogen attached to R^d and R^e selected from N, O,

and S, wherein the S is optionally oxidized to S(O) or S(O)₂, and wherein the saturated or mono-unsaturated heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -CN, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OH, oxo, -O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -C(=O)R^a, -CO₂R^a, -S(O)_nR^a, -SO₂N(R^a)R^b, -N(R^a)C(=O)-R^b, -N(R^a)CO₂R^b, or -N(R^a)SO₂R^b; and

each n is independently an integer equal to zero, 1, or 2.